

in Yerevan, which will highlight the unparalleled contribution of the Armenian diaspora to the world during the last century in the fields of arts, science, culture, social welfare and business.

I am honored to pay tribute and express my gratitude and appreciation to Eduardo Eurnekian, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his outstanding achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF CPL. VINCENT
MANNION-BRODEUR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Dedication of Cpl. Vincent Mannion-Brodeur Patient Room at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

This newly-dedicated patient room, located in one of the leading rehabilitation hospitals in the country, recognizes Cpl. Mannion-Brodeur and his valiant service in the United States Army. While serving in Iraq in 2007 with the 82nd Airborne, Cpl. Mannion-Brodeur was critically injured by an insurgent trap. After surviving forty operations and a year-long coma, Cpl. Mannion-Brodeur became an inspiration for people throughout the country and an example of what it means to serve one's country. His noble actions and enduring strength have deemed him a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Recipient and have earned him the gratitude of an entire nation. With the assistance of his parents, Cpl. Mannion-Brodeur is now at the point in his recovery where he is able to motivate and speak to Walter Reed patients as well as work with other injured soldiers throughout their own recovery process.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor and thank Cpl. Vincent Mannion-Brodeur for his invaluable service in the United States Army and to recognize the dedication of the Cpl. Vincent Mannion-Brodeur Patient Room at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognition of Cpl. Mannion-Brodeur and his distinguished service in our Armed Services.

RECOGNIZING TWENTY-TWO FAMILY-OWNED FARMS FOR ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS OR
MORE OF FARMING IN MIN-
NESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize twenty-two family-owned farms for reaching the milestone of family farming for one hundred fifty years or more. Throughout our state's history, Minnesota farmers have not only fed the citizens of our great nation, but they help to provide the world with food. These Minnesota families have stood the test of time and passed their farm from generation to generation; sharing their values of hard work, determination, and love of the land. Each family has its own story to tell about the

trials and joys of farming, and no matter what those stories are, they can be proud of the heritage of farming that they have passed as parents to their children over and over again.

These are the twenty-two farm families from Minnesota's Sixth Congressional who have been recognized for their family-owned farms of one hundred fifty years or more.

From Benton County: James E. Donovan (Foley); Glenn Seppelt Family (Foley).

From Carver County: Dale Wildung (Cologne); Earl Schmidt Family (Cologne); Dorothy Light (Delano); Rodney Jaus (Hamburg); Meldon Melcher Family (Norwood/Young America); Gerald Schimmelpfennig Family (Norwood/Young America); Eugene Kamann (Norwood/Young America); John H. Eklund (Watertown); James Hendricks Family (Watertown).

From Sherburne County: Shady Nook Farm/Neal Weis Family (St Cloud).

From Stearns County: Ken Zumwalde (Cold Spring); Torberg/Prill Family (Richmond); Joyce Hansen (Rockville); Robert A. Moeller (St Cloud); David J Morreim (St Cloud); Jerome D. Schroeder (St Joseph).

From Wright County: Richard Lindenfesler (Albertville); William Weldele (Buffalo); Florence Roth (Delano); Lawren Horsch Family (Delano).

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body join with me in honoring these twenty-two family owned farms and their owners who represent a great piece of Minnesota's rich history and heritage.

TO RECOGNIZE ALEXANDER HUM-
MEL AND THE KEYSTONE IRON
WARRIORS

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alexander Hummel, an inspiring, impressive 9-year-old from Pennsylvania who founded the Keystone Iron Warriors organization to help our veterans. Alexander is passionately dedicated to serving the needs of veterans and active duty personnel. He also dreams of becoming a U.S. Marine.

The Keystone Iron Warriors works to provide support and resources to veterans and their families who deal with the physical and mental trauma of returning from combat. The Iron Warriors rely on community support, generous donations, and the unified goal of giving back to those who have selflessly served our country. Community contributions go to providing service canines, transportation, and assistance with medical bills to alleviate some of the challenges that face our veterans. Alexander's Iron Warriors also provide friendship and comradery for those who have returned home. None of it would have happened without Alexander's leadership and generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Alexander Hummel and the Keystone Iron Warriors for their dedication to serving and honoring our Nation's heroes. I applaud this young man's strength and thank him for the invaluable work he continues to do for our veterans.

HONORING DAVID C.
LEYENDECKER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late David C. Leyendecker of Laredo, Texas—a well-known citizen and a champion of education, veterans, and his community.

Mr. Leyendecker truly embodied the virtue of service in his everyday life. His dedication to his community is evident from the multitude of organizations in which he both led and participated. Mr. Leyendecker served as the Rotary District governor, the president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Border Olympics of Laredo. He also was the past president of the Blessed Sacrament School Board, and remained an active member until his passing. Mr. Leyendecker served as a commander of the Laredo Marine Corp League 895, and also was the first chapter president of the Korean War Veterans Association 1950 Chapter 209. His unrelenting dedication to education and the military is a testament to his memory and a shining example to us all.

Mr. Leyendecker is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Nancy Knight Leyendecker; children, Nancy Goodman and her husband Andre; Patricia Martinez and her husband David; grandchildren, David Ford Goodman, Andre "Trey" Goodman and his wife Victoria, David Martinez, Jr., Jennifer Martinez and Teresa Martinez; and great granddaughter Kennedy Elizabeth Goodman. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other loved relatives and friends. His family and friends will cherish the values and faith that Mr. Leyendecker instilled in them, and will greatly miss his presence.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the late David C. Leyendecker. His hard work and spirit have truly impacted many lives and our community. I thank you for this time.

RECOGNIZING DENNIS J. TAITANO
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 32
YEARS OF DEDICATED FEDERAL
CIVILIAN SERVICE

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dennis J. Taitano on his retirement from the U.S. Department of the Navy after 32 years of federal civilian service. Mr. Taitano retired as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Services.

Mr. Taitano was born and raised in Guam. He attended George Washington High School from 1975–1976 before pursuing higher education in the states. He holds a bachelor's degree in business management and economics from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public financial management from the American University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Senior Executive Service Candidate